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PRESS RELEASE

AMHERST POLICE DEPARTMENT AWARDED STATE ACCREDITATION

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Chief of Police Scott P. Livingstone is please to announce that on January 13, 2011, the Amherst Police Department was awarded state accreditation from the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission. On June 9, 10 and 11, 2010, the Police Department was subject to an extensive peer review by the Commission's assessment team. While here and as part of the verification process, assessors examined the department's policies, procedures, operations, staffing, equipment and facility maintenance to demonstrate adherence to the Accreditation Commission's strict, best practice standards. The Amherst Police Department successfully passed all 252 mandatory standards and exceeded the required optional standards by 20%.

In order to maintain state accreditation, which recognizes law enforcement professional excellence, the assessment team must verify, every three years, that the Amherst Police Department meets the Commission's standards. In 2001, the Amherst Police Department became the second police department in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to be awarded accreditation status, and was successfully reaccredited in 2004 and 2007.

Being recognized as an accredited agency requires commitment and continued professionalism from all members of the Amherst Police Department and further confirms a dedication on their part to provide the highest degree of police service to this community. Questions regarding the accreditation process can be forwarded to Captain Jennifer A. Gundersen at (413) 259-3012 or via email at gundersenj@amherstma.gov.